54. Vikas Hybrids and Electronics Ltd.

55. Pan India Electronics Pvt. Ltd.

56. IXL.

57. Bell Canada International Ltd.

58. Telstra International Ltd.

59. Priyaraj Electronics Pvt. Ltd.

60. Karnataka State Electronics Development Corpn.

61. Stanilite Electronics Pvt. Ltd., Australia.

**Protest against National Telecom Policy by Employees Union**

68. SHRI VIRENDRA KATARIA: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that some major employees unions in the Department of Telecommunications (DOT) have strongly protested against the National Telecom policy;

(b) if so, what are the main objections of the unions against the policy; and

(c) the reaction of Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI SUKH RAM): (a) to (c) The employees unions are now not opposing entry of private sector in the basic services and their main objections are as under:

(i) No handing over of DOT establishment in basic telephone service to private operators.

(ii) Training and retraining of staff to upgrade the skill education and to improve work culture.

(iii) Job security be assured by the Government.

The Government have assured the Unions on each of the above points that their interests would be fully protected.

**Lower level of telephone capacity utilisations in Metro Cities**

69. SHRI PARMESHWAR KUMAR AGARWALLA: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that telephone capacity utilisation levels in metropolitan cities have been lower than the feasible levels of capacity utilisation;

(b) if so, the details thereof during the past three years and the reasons therefor;

(c) whether it is also a fact that increased utilisation of the equipped capacity would provide additional conections without or with much lower further investments; and

(d) if so, the details thereof, steps and results thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI SUKH RAM): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Details of capacity utilisation during the past three years are given below:

*Percentage utilisation of equipped capacity*

| | Bombay | Calcutta | Delhi | Madras |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1991-92 | 88.36 | 84.17 | 85.43 | 91.88 |
| 1992-93 | 93.06 | 89.24 | 86.37 | 90.01 |
| 1993-94 | 89.60 | 85.30 | 85.50 | 87.90 |